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Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th St., S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: *A National Broadband Plan for Our Future*, GN Docket No. 09-51; *Establishing Just and Reasonable Rates for Local Exchange Carriers*, WC Docket No. 07-135; *Developing a Unified Intercarrier Compensation Regime*, CC Docket No. 01-92; *Connect America Fund*, WC Docket No. 10-90; *High Cost Universal Service Support*, WC Docket No. 05-337; *Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service*, CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Friday, July 22, 2011, Hank Hultquist and Joel Lubin of AT&T, Jeff Lanning and Melissa Newman of CenturyLink; Jonathan Banks of US Telecom Association; Kathy Grillo of Verizon, Jennie Chandra of Windstream; and I met with Christine Kurth, Policy Director and Wireline Counsel to Commissioner McDowell. The companies continued to discuss a framework for reform and modernization of today's universal service and intercarrier compensation systems, consistent with previous filings.¹ The group discussed the importance of maintaining state involvement under any new reform scenario. The companies also described the importance of reforming both universal service and intercarrier compensation concurrently and the overall benefits associated with such a process. Finally, the groups discussed the timing of its reform proposals.

Please feel free to contact me with any further questions.

Sincerely,

/s/

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¹ Letter from Jonathan Banks, US Telecom, to Marlene H. Dortch, Federal Communications Commission, July 1, 2011; WC Docket Nos. 10-90, 07-135, 05-337, 03-109; GN Docket No. 09-51; CC Docket Nos. 01-92, 96-45.